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Chris:

Further to our conversation, I wanted to confirm that Wednesday, May 11, a sub-commitee of the of the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee will hold a hearing on the possible health effects of ETS. The focus of the hearing will be pending legislation in the U.S. Congress which would ban smoking and is likely to include an examination of the recent cost-benefit analysis done by the EPA in support of the Waxman smoking ban bill.

Witnesses are scheduled to include:

Carol Browner	EPA Administrator
Jocelyn Elders	U.S. Surgeon General
Christopher Coggins	R.J. Reynolds
William Blott	National Cancer Institute
Jane Gravelle	Congressional Research Service
Bob Tollisson	for the U.S. Tobacco Institute (cost/benefit)
Aubrey Taylor	American Lung Association

Rep. Waxman has scheduled a mark-up session on his bill on Thursday morning, May 12, and is hoping to use publicity from this hearing to generate support to move the bill forward. This hearing is likely to attract press coverage given the current climate. We've alerted our markets and will send them any industry or PM statements tomorrow.

The testimony by CRS may present an opportunity to publicize this report. I have not spoken with Covington or APCO as yet. Let's discuss tomorrow so that we can give them some joint direction.

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